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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please **AMEND** the first paragraph immediately following the title on page 1 as follows:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of commonly-owned, copending U.S. Application No. 09/063,590, which was filed April 21, 1998 and which issued on June 11, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,402,614 B1; which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08,624,998 09/624,998, which was filed March 29, 1996 and which issued on February 16, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,871,398; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/497,080, which was filed on June 30, 1995, now abandoned.